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SUBJECT: BREMEN CITY SPD AGAINST STATIONING OF A U.S. BRIGADE
IN GARLSTEDT

REF: BREMEN'S A-19 OF DECEMBER 16, 1975 AND PREVIOUS

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1. AT ITS MEETING DECEMBER 19, THE BREMEN CITY SPD (ONE OF THREE
SUBDIVISIONS OF THE LAND PARTY) ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING MOTION AGAINST
THE STATIONING OF A U.S. BRIGADE IN GARLSTEDT: "THE BREMEN CITY SPD
STRICTLY REJECTS THE PLANNED STATIONING OF A U.S. BRIGADE IN
OSTERHOLZ COUNTY. IT ASKS THE SENATE AND THE SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
TO NEGOTIATE AT ONCE WITH THE LOWER SAXONY LAND GOVERNMENT AND THE
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN ORDER TO PREVENT, IN THE INTEREST
OF BREMEN, THE PLANNED STATIONING AND, IF NECESSARY, LOOK FOR AN
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ALTERNATIVE AREA FOR THE TROOP STATIONING".

2. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES
(ABOUT 300 OUT OF 387 DELAGATES PRESENT).
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3. COMMENT: NORMAL ATTENDANCE AT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE OVER
500, SO THE MOTION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PASSED EVEN WITH FULL
ATTENDANCE. THE MOTION IS NOT BINDING ON THE SENATE; AND, THE BREMEN
CITY SPD HAS FREQUENTLY PASSED RESOLUTIONS CONTRARY TO THE WISHES
OR POLICIES OF THE SPD LAND GOVERNMENT, E.G., CONCERNING THE CANDIDATE

LISTS FOR THE LAST BUERGERSCHAFT ELECTION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MOTION WILL AFFECT EITHER THE SENATE'S
OR BUERGERSCHAFT'S SUPPORT FOR THE STATIONING PLANS. RATHER WE VIEW
IT AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE LAND SPD'S DIFFICULTY IN CONTROLLING ITS
LEFT WING, THE LATTER HEAVILY CONCENTRATED IN THE BREMEN CITY
SUBDIVISION OF THE PARTY. WESTON

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